

# Farm Energy Efficiency: From Audit to Funding



## *Will a farm energy audit be a worthy investment?*

Southside and Southwest Virginia farms are discovering new tools to reduce energy consumption and costs by completing a farm energy audit and utilizing available resources to implement the recommended changes.

USDA Rural Development, USDA NRCS, Virginia Farm Bureau, and Virginia Cooperative Extension will discuss the cost and benefits of analyzing farm energy use and review the available resources. Participants will hear from a panel of energy auditors, define the process for securing grant funding, and discover the challenges and successes of a farmer who used an energy audit to develop and secure a USDA REAP grant award.

## Workshop

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Thursday, August 16, 2012  
10 a.m. until 3 p.m.

The Franklin Center  
50 Claiborne Avenue  
Rocky Mount, Virginia

## REGISTER by Friday, August 10, 2012

To register, call Cynthia Martel, Franklin County ANR agent, at 540.483.5161, or email her at [cmartel@vt.edu](mailto:cmartel@vt.edu)

Send your check for the \$15 registration fee made payable to  
VCE-Franklin County Virginia Cooperative Extension  
90 East Court Street  
Rocky Mount, Virginia 24151

Lunch and conference materials are included in the registration fee.  
The deadline for conference registration is Friday, August 10.

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In 2012 Virginia Tobacco Indemnification and Community Revitalization Commission awarded Virginia Cooperative Extension (VCE) funding to begin a new pilot program for Southside and Southwest Virginia farmers interested in energy efficiency improvements. This program is part of this work and is offered in collaboration with:

- Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)
- Virginia Department of Mines, Minerals and Energy (DMME)
- USDA's Rural Development [Rural Energy for America Program (REAP)]
- Virginia Foundation for Agriculture, Innovation and Rural Sustainability (FAIRS)

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